(*b*) He left Trivandrum on circuit to Devicolam on the 11th Medam, 1098, and returned to Trivandrum on the 22nd Medam, 1098.

(*c*) No office was inspected by him during the forward and return journeys, but enquiries were made and necessary instructions issued by him to his officers, regarding the suppression of malpractices and prompt collection of revenue. During his stay in the Devicolam Division, Karinkulam chowkey was inspected by him on the 14th Medam, 1098, Chinnar chowkey on the 15th, the Assistant Excise Commissioner's office, Devicolam, on the 17th, Chinnakanal distillery on the 18th, and the Northern Range office on the 19th.

(*d*) There were certain minor defects noticed during the inspection and necessary instructions were issued for rectifying them.

(*e*) The amount of travelling allowance drawn by him on account of his journey to Devicolam and back was Rs. 317-19-12.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ദേവികുളത്തു പോകുന്നവഴിക്കും തിരിച്ചു വരുന്നവഴിക്കും ആഫീസുകൾ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ആഫീസിലെ വർത്തി പണപ്പിരിവിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി പറയുന്നു. അത് എവിടെവച്ചാണ്? ആഫീസുകൾ പരിശോധിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിൽ കീഴ്ദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ അടുക്കൽ ഈ ഏർപ്പാടുകൾ ചെയ്തത് എവിടെ വച്ചാണ്?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no definite information. It will be called for.

Inspection Work of the Excise Commissioner in Devicolam Division.

190. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of times the present Excise Commissioner went on inspection of chowkeys and other institutions in the Devicolam Division, the defects he found in the working of those institutions; the remedies he suggested for correcting such defects and the proposals he submitted to the Government for improving the customs receipts from those institutions; the number of days he was out on circuit in that Division; the time spent in the inspection of each institution; and the amount he drew as travelling allowance on each such occasion?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The present Excise Commissioner has visited the Devicolam Division only once till now, and that was in Medam, 1098. In regard to the remaining points, the member is referred to the answer to question No. 189.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that this was the first time that an Excise Commissioner visited Devicolam after the organisation of the department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

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[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to say how many Customs Houses there are in Devicolam?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise out of the question and the answer.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state for how many days the Excise Commissioner was engaged in his journey to Devicolam and how many days in his journey back from Devicolam to Trivandrum?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer to the previous question that "he left Trivandrum on circuit to Devicolam on the 11th Medam, 1098 and returned to Trivandrum on the 22nd Medam, 1098."

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How many days did he take to go up to Devicolam and how many days to come back?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He reached Munnar on the 13th Medam.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): My question is, how many days he took to go up to Devicolam.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He started from Trivandrum, as the answer to the question will show, on the 11th Medam and reached Munnar on the 13th.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I want the total number of days.

PRESIDENT: He started on the 11th and reached on the 13th.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How many days' halt was made at Devicolam?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Seven days.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): He had been inspecting certain places. How many days did he spend in each of these places?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He spent seven days altogether, and he was visiting several places in the interval.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): It is said that he made enquiries. I want to know how many days he spent in each of these places and of whom he made these enquiries.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is contained in the answer to part (*o*) of question 189.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I want to know to whom the enquiries were made and what the instructions issued were.

MR. S PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Enquiries were made of the officers of the department.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What time did he take

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in inspecting each of the several offices, such as the Customs House, the Range Office, etc., in the several places?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government satisfied with the work done by him?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise here.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do not the Government think that the travelling allowance of Rs. 317 is too high for the work done?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No, the Government do not think so.

Recovery of Loss on account of Re-auction of Toddy Shops.

191. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 59 asked on the 21st Karkatakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state the amount of the loss hitherto recovered from the original bidders in case of re-auction?

(*b*) How many of the original bidders were again given contracts for the lesser amounts bid on re-auction?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 6,805 Chs.4 cash 1 has been realised on account of arrears and loss by resale from the original purchasers of the shops resold in 1098.

(*b*) None.

Trivandrum Water-Supply Scheme.

192. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state in what stage the scheme of water-supply to Trivandrum is, whether there is any prospect of giving the town a good supply of water, and, if so, when?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 55 given at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd November, 1923.

Removal of Nightsoil.

193. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that most of the nightsoil carts used in Trivandrum are old and unserviceable, some of these being covered with gunny bags and that the present system of removal of nightsoil is most unsatisfactory?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. A few of the nightsoil carts are reported to have become old and unserviceable and new carts have been got down to replace them. It is stated that no nightsoil cart is covered with gunny bags. Government do not consider that the present arrangement for the removal of nightsoil is unsatisfactory.

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